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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OGEN OTRA VIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SPECIAL NAC MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 35732 (TOSEC 345) (NOTAL)

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS.
2. BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: I HAVE HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND YOUR SUGGESTION FOR SPECIAL NAC CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND WANT TO SEND YOU THIS QUICK REPORT ON MY CURRENT TRIP.

THE ROUND OF TALKS THAT I HAVE JUST HELD WITH THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS ESSENTIALLY EXPLORATORY IN NATURE. WHILE THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE IN CLARIFYING THE ISSUES AND THE ATTITUDES OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AND IN LAYING THE GROUND WORK FOR A MORE INTENSIVE AND CONCRETE NEGOTIATING EFFORT, WE ARE STILL AT AN INTERMEDIATE STAGE IN OUR PRESENT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A FURTHER STEP IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE IS LITTLE CONCRETE THAT WA COULD REPORT, AND I THEREFORE

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BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS

IN THE COUNCIL AT THIS STAGE. AS YOU WILL HAVE HEARD,
I PLAN TO RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE FIRST PART
OF MARCH TO CONTINUE MY PRESENT EFFORTS, AND I FEEL
THAT NAC CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MORE TIMELY IN CONNEC-
TION WITH THAT TRIP. MEANWHILE, I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT, WHILE THERE ARE STILL MANY DIFFICULTIES TO BE
OVERCOME, I BELIEVE THERE ARE PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING
A FURTHER AGREEMENT IN THE STEP BY STEP PROCESS TOWARDS
PEACE IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED.

I CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH OUR ALLIES ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION,
WHOSE OUTCOME SO DIRECTLY AFFECTS ALL OF OUR INTERESTS,
AND I WILL ASK AMBASSADOR BRUCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH
YOU ABOUT A DATE FOR COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS IN CONNEC-
TION WITH MY MARCH MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER

END MESSAGE
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